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BUILDING STATISTICS - TASMANIA, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1957.

The Deputy Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. J. C. Stephen) has made available the following particulars of Building Statistics for the quarter ended 31st December 1957. More extensive comparative data for preceding periods will be found in each June Quarter Statement.

A statement of definitions of terms used will be found on page 6.

1. NEW HOUSES COMPLETED: During the quarter ended 31st December 1957, 685 new houses were completed compared with 655 in September quarter, 1957 and 672 in June quarter, 1957.

Completions in December quarter in preceding years were: 1954 - 737; 1955 - 715; and 1956 - 780. The 685 houses completed during December quarter, 1957 comprised 81 brick, concrete etc; 73 brick, concrete, etc. veneers; 505 wood; 1 pre-fabricated wood and 25 fibro-cement.

2. NEW HOUSES COMMENCED: The number of new houses commenced during December quarter, 1957 was 578, a decrease of 38 compared with September quarter, 1957.
3. NEW HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The number of new houses under construction at 31st December, 1957 was 1,991 a decrease of 107 compared with the 30th September, 1957 figure of 2,098. Corresponding figures as at the 31st December in previous years are as follows: 1954 - 2,269; 1955 - 2,476; 1956 - 1,867.

The houses under construction at the 31st December, 1957 comprised: solid brick, concrete, etc. 395 (19.8%); brick, concrete, etc. veneers 235 (11.8%); wood 1,278 (64.2%); and fibro-cement, 89 (4.2%).

4. NEW BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSES): The value of new buildings (other than houses) completed during December quarter, 1957 was £1,255,000 compared with £1,234,000 in September quarter, 1957 and £1,449,000 in June quarter, 1957. Fifteen new factories valued at £233,000 were completed during the quarter.

During December quarter, 1957, the value of new buildings (other than houses), commenced was £955,000 compared with £1,195,000 in September quarter, 1957 and £1,696,000 in June quarter, 1957.

5. VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS: The value of all buildings, including houses, completed in Tasmania during December quarter, 1957 was £3,312,000 an increase of £120,000 compared with September quarter, 1957 and an increase of £282,000 compared with December quarter, 1956. New houses valued at £2,057,000 comprised 62.1 per cent of the total value of completions.

The value of new buildings commenced during December quarter, 1957 was £2,669,000 a decrease of £481,000 compared with September quarter, 1957 and £1,225,000 less than in December quarter, 1956.

The value of new buildings under construction at 31st December, 1957 was £11,325,000.

6. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS: The value of work done on new buildings during December quarter, 1957 was £2,937,000 compared with £3,808,000 in September quarter, 1957 and £3,176,000 in December quarter, 1956. Of the December quarter 1957 total, £1,719,000 or 58.5% represented work done in respect of houses. Hobart and Suburbs accounted for £1,267,000 or 43.1% of the total value, Launceston and Suburbs for £535,000 or 18.2% and the rest of the State for £1,135,000 or 38.7%.

7. PERSONS WORKING ON NEW BUILDINGS: (See note 5 on page 6). There were 5,286 persons including 1,406 working principals engaged on the construction of new buildings at 18th December, 1957. Of these, 2,633 were carpenters by trade, 375 bricklayers and 884 builders' labourers.

Of the 5,286 persons engaged at 18th December, 1957 3,950 were working on private contract jobs, 750 on owner-built jobs and 586 on Government Day Labour projects. The returns indicated that 2,926 were working on new houses, 1,340 on other new buildings, 242 on alterations and additions to houses, 404 on alterations and additions to other buildings and 374 on repair and maintenance work.

1. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS - TASMANIA - DECEMBER QUARTER, 1957.

| Description of Building and Construction Agency | Commenced during December Quarter, 1957 | | Completed during December Quarter, 1957 | | Under Construct- ion at 31st December, 1957 | | Value of Work done during Dec. Qtr. 1957 |
|---|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | |
| 1. Houses: | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 163 | 529 | 212 | 695 | 319 | 1,176 | 646 |
| On Gov't. Account | 64 | 176 | 77 | 219 | 92 | 292 | 189 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | 67 | 268 | 91 | 329 | 108 | 404 | 138 |
| (iii) Owner Builders: | 284 | 741 | 305 | 814 | 1,472 | 4,032 | 746 |
| Total Houses: | 578 | 1,714 | 685 | 2,057 | 1,991 | 5,904 | 1,719 |
| 2. Flats (b): | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 4 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 55 | 11 |
| On Gov't. Account | - | - | 4 | 7 | - | - | 1 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | - | - | 14 | 53 | 6 | 20 | 11 |
| 3. Shops: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 18 | 109 | 19 | 92 | 29 | 223 | 87 |
| On Gov't. Account | 3 | 15 | - | - | 3 | 15 | 13 |
| 4. Hotels, Guest Houses: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 2 | 27 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 81 | 22 |
| On Gov't. Account | 4 | 4 | - | - | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| 5. Office Premises: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 8 | 39 | 10 | 292 | 18 | 471 | 128 |
| On Gov't. Account | 2 | 22 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 240 | 58 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour | - | - | 1 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 6. Other Business Premises: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 14 | 309 | 17 | 114 | 21 | 787 | 184 |
| On Gov't. Account | 1 | 3 | 3 | 36 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 7. Factories: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 9 | 44 | 14 | 228 | 27 | 716 | 107 |
| On Gov't. Account | 3 | 21 | - | - | 4 | 43 | 19 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour | - | - | 1 | 5 | - | - | - |
| 8. Clubs, Halls, Theatres: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 8 | 78 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 98 | 29 |
| 9. Educational Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 3 | 20 | 2 | 22 | 9 | 218 | 57 |
| On Gov't. Account | 4 | 74 | 5 | 189 | 12 | 548 | 129 |
| 10. Religious Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 5 | 30 | 4 | 45 | 9 | 51 | 38 |
| 11. Health Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 1 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 107 | 5 |
| On Gov't. Account | 1 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1,361 | 183 |
| 12. Other New Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 25 | 42 | 25 | 46 | 16 | 95 | 54 |
| On Gov't. Account | 4 | 29 | 6 | 67 | 31 | 276 | 60 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Other New Buildings: | 119 | 955 | 138 | 1,255 | 247 | 5,421 | 1,218 |
| All New Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 260 | 1,300 | 311 | 1,570 | 485 | 4,078 | 1,368 |
| On Gov't. Account | 86 | 360 | 99 | 530 | 164 | 2,782 | 667 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | 67 | 268 | 108 | 398 | 117 | 433 | 156 |
| (iii) Owner Builders: | 284 | 741 | 305 | 814 | 1,472 | 4,032 | 746 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 697 | 2,669 | 823 | 3,312 | 2,238 | 11,325 | 2,937 |

(a) When completed, excluding cost of land on which building is erected.

(b) Number indicates number of individual flats provided as new dwellings.

2. SUMMARY: NEW HOUSES - BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED AND
CONSTRUCTION, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1957.

| A r e a | Building Permits Granted During Quarter | | Commenced During Quarter | | Completed During Quarter | | Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| Hobart, City | 33 | £'000 128 | 41 | £'000 135 | 50 | £'000 176 | 190 | £'000 725 |
| Hobart, Suburbs: | | | | | | | | |
| Clarence (b) | 49 | 170 | 41 | 141 | 52 | 174 | 161 | 548 |
| Kingborough (b) | 7 | 22 | 5 | 19 | 14 | 47 | 53 | 178 |
| Glenorchy | 128 | 387 | 155 | 527 | 171 | 591 | 416 | 1,393 |
| Total Suburbs: | 184 | 579 | 201 | 687 | 237 | 812 | 630 | 2,119 |
| Total Hobart and Suburbs: | 217 | 707 | 242 | 822 | 287 | 988 | 820 | 2,844 |
| Launceston, City | 45 | 150 | 32 | 101 | 63 | 182 | 141 | 443 |
| Launceston, Suburbs (b): | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield | 16 | 59 | 11 | 36 | 12 | 44 | 49 | 150 |
| Lilydale | - | - | 8 | 23 | 6 | 19 | 24 | 66 |
| St. Leonards | 26 | 77 | 37 | 112 | 31 | 94 | 116 | 356 |
| Westbury | 1 | 3 | - | - | 1 | 3 | 12 | 28 |
| Total Suburbs: | 43 | 139 | 56 | 171 | 50 | 160 | 201 | 600 |
| Total Launceston and Suburbs: | 88 | 289 | 88 | 272 | 113 | 342 | 342 | 1,043 |
| All Other Areas | 271 | 694 | 248 | 620 | 285 | 727 | 829 | 2,017 |
| Total Tasmania: - | | | | | | | | |
| December Quarter, 1957 | 576 | 1,690 | 578 | 1,714 | 685 | 2,057 | 1,991 | 5,904 |
| September, Quarter, 1957 | 691 | 2,009 | 616 | 1,955 | 655 | 1,958 | 2,098 | 6,179 |
| June Quarter, 1957 | 762 | 2,277 | 741 | 2,080 | 672 | 1,986 | 2,137 | 6,101 |
| March Quarter, 1957 | 752 | 2,211 | 730 | 2,144 | 529 | 1,551 | 2,068 | 5,930 |
| December Quarter, 1956 | 621 | 1,742 | 610 | 1,696 | 780 | 2,154 | 1,867 | 5,301 |

(a) Value when completed.

(b) Suburban areas only of these Municipalities.

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**3. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES CLASSIFIED IN
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1957.**
(Including Owner-built Houses)

| Statistical Divisions and Local Government Areas. | Building Per- mits issued during Quarter | | Commenced during Quarter | | Completed during Quarter | | Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| URBAN DIVISION: | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Hobart City | 33 | 128 | 41 | 135 | 50 | 176 | 190 | 725 |
| " Suburbs | 184 | 579 | 201 | 687 | 237 | 812 | 630 | 2,119 |
| Launceston City | 45 | 150 | 32 | 101 | 63 | 182 | 141 | 443 |
| " Suburbs | 43 | 139 | 56 | 171 | 50 | 160 | 201 | 600 |
| Total Urban Division | 305 | 996 | 330 | 1,094 | 400 | 1,330 | 1,162 | 3,887 |
| NORTH WESTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Burnie | 20 | 64 | 17 | 56 | 24 | 76 | 67 | 229 |
| Circular Head | 10 | 16 | 9 | 23 | 6 | 17 | 24 | 50 |
| Deloraine | 8 | 20 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 79 |
| Devonport | 25 | 78 | 28 | 81 | 38 | 98 | 98 | 279 |
| Kentish | 5 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 10 | 20 |
| King Island | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 33 | 8 | 19 |
| Latrobe | 8 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 9 | 16 | 22 | 39 |
| Penguin | 4 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 18 | 52 |
| Ulverstone | 22 | 59 | 26 | 70 | 26 | 79 | 62 | 167 |
| Wynyard | 19 | 45 | 14 | 30 | 19 | 47 | 35 | 89 |
| Total North-West Division: | 123 | 321 | 116 | 319 | 154 | 422 | 373 | 1,023 |
| NORTH EASTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield (b) | 13 | 26 | 16 | 33 | 21 | 48 | 49 | 99 |
| Ringal | 3 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Flinders | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| George Town | 9 | 19 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 22 | 46 |
| Lilydale (b) | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 8 | 18 |
| Portland | 6 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 23 |
| Ringarooma | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| Scottsdale | 17 | 64 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 22 | 49 |
| Total North-Eastern Division: | 50 | 137 | 36 | 74 | 42 | 96 | 132 | 267 |
| NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Evandale | - | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 17 |
| Longford | 11 | 38 | 8 | 21 | 11 | 30 | 36 | 95 |
| St. Leonards (b) | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 9 | 20 |
| Westbury (b) | 4 | 16 | - | - | 3 | 11 | 13 | 31 |
| Total North-Midland Division: | 15 | 54 | 9 | 24 | 17 | 49 | 64 | 163 |
| MIDLAND DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Bothwell | 2 | 9 | 1 | 9 | - | - | 2 | 16 |
| Campbell Town | 1 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| Hamilton | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 17 |
| Oatlands | 3 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 25 |
| Ross | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 7 |
| Total Midland Division: | 7 | 21 | 8 | 26 | 7 | 19 | 26 | 72 |
| SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton (c) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| Clarence (b) | 15 | 34 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 26 | 57 | 122 |
| Glamorgan | 2 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Green Ponds (c) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 13 |
| Richmond (c) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sorell | 16 | 28 | 13 | 29 | 8 | 13 | 47 | 73 |
| Spring Bay | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 23 |
| Total South-Eastern Division: | 38 | 73 | 39 | 78 | 34 | 56 | 126 | 243 |
| SOUTHERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Brany | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Esperance | 6 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| Huon | 4 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 17 | 8 | 19 |
| Kingborough (b) | 8 | 17 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 57 |
| New Norfolk | 12 | 33 | 25 | 69 | 10 | 27 | 49 | 121 |
| Port Cygnet | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Tasman | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 21 |
| Total Southern Division: | 34 | 78 | 39 | 94 | 24 | 57 | 104 | 232 |
| WESTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Queenstown | 2 | 4 | - | - | 5 | 18 | 3 | 15 |
| Strahan | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Zeehan | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Western Division: | 4 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 28 | 4 | 17 |
| Total Country Divisions: | 271 | 694 | 248 | 620 | 285 | 727 | 829 | 2,017 |
| TOTAL TASMANIA: | 576 | 1,690 | 578 | 1,714 | 685 | 2,057 | 1,991 | 5,904 |

(a) Value when completed. (b) Country sections only of these Municipalities. (c) Building permits not issued in these Municipalities. See definitions of terms used, page 6, para. 7.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO TYPE

| Particulars | | Solid Brick, Concrete, etc. | Brick Concrete, etc. Veneers | Wood | Pre-fabricated Wood | Fibro-Cement | Other Materials. | Total |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| | | December Quarter 1957 | | | | | | |
| Commenced | Number | 73 | 60 | 426 | - | 19 | - | 578 |
| During Quarter | % of Total Number | 12.6 | 10.4 | 73.7 | - | 3.3 | - | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 262 | 210 | 1,221 | - | 21 | - | 1,714 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,589 | 3,500 | 2,866 | - | 1,105 | - | 2,965 |
| Completed | Number | 81 | 73 | 505 | 1 | 25 | - | 685 |
| During Quarter | % of Total Number | 11.8 | 10.7 | 73.7 | 0.1 | 3.7 | - | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 303 | 258 | 1,456 | 3 | 37 | - | 2,057 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,741 | 3,534 | 2,883 | 3,003 | 1,480 | - | 3,003 |
| Under Construct- | Number | 395 | 235 | 1,278 | - | 83 | - | 1,991 |
| ion at 31st | % of Total Number | 19.8 | 11.8 | 64.2 | - | 4.2 | - | 100.0 |
| December '57 | Value £'000 | 1,472 | 808 | 3,492 | - | 132 | - | 5,904 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,727 | 3,438 | 2,732 | - | 1,590 | - | 2,965 |
| | | September Quarter, 1957 | | | | | | |
| Commenced | Number | 71 | 77 | 448 | 3 | 17 | - | 616 |
| During Quarter | % of Total Number | 11.5 | 12.5 | 72.7 | 0.5 | 2.8 | - | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 329 | 281 | 1,315 | 8 | 22 | - | 1,955 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,634 | 3,649 | 2,935 | 2,667 | 1,294 | - | 3,174 |
| Completed | Number | 67 | 64 | 495 | 4 | 25 | - | 655 |
| During Quarter | % of Total Number | 10.2 | 9.8 | 75.6 | 0.6 | 3.8 | - | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 292 | 230 | 1,386 | 10 | 40 | - | 1,958 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,358 | 3,594 | 2,800 | 2,500 | 1,600 | - | 2,989 |
| Under Construct- | Number | 403 | 248 | 1,357 | 1 | 89 | - | 2,098 |
| ion at 30th | % of Total Number | 19.3 | 11.8 | 64.7 | 0.0 | 4.2 | - | 100.0 |
| Sept. 1957. | Value | 1,457 | 868 | 3,699 | 3 | 152 | - | 6,179 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,615 | 3,500 | 2,726 | 3,000 | 1,708 | - | 2,945 |

a) Average cost is obtained by dividing total number of houses commenced, completed and under construction into the total value of houses commenced, completed and under construction respectively, as stated by builders. As averages, they relate to houses of the size and standard commenced, completed and under construction in the relevant period, and cannot be regarded as an index of the cost of erecting houses of a particular size or standard.

5. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA DURING DECEMBER QUARTER, 1957.

| Description of Building. | Hobart | | | Launceston | | | Rest of State | Total Tasmania | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | City | Sub-urbs. | City and Suburbs | City | Sub-urbs. | City and Suburbs | | | |
| Houses: | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | % |
| Brick, Concrete, etc. | 70 | 127 | 197 | 15 | 28 | 43 | 76 | 316 | 10.8 |
| Brick, Concrete, etc. Veneers - | 17 | 18 | 35 | 65 | 59 | 124 | 67 | 226 | 7.7 |
| Wood | 84 | 468 | 552 | 69 | 57 | 126 | 462 | 1,140 | 38.8 |
| Fibro-Cement | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 35 | 37 | 1.2 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Houses: | 172 | 613 | 785 | 149 | 145 | 294 | 640 | 1,719 | 58.5 |
| Flats | 9 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 0.8 |
| Shops | 30 | 19 | 49 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 37 | 100 | 3.4 |
| Hotels, Guest Houses | 5 | 8 | 13 | 3 | - | 3 | 7 | 23 | 0.8 |
| Office Premises | 78 | 4 | 82 | 51 | - | 51 | 57 | 190 | 6.5 |
| Other Business Premises | 39 | 50 | 89 | 83 | - | 83 | 28 | 200 | 6.8 |
| Factories | 28 | 29 | 57 | 16 | - | 16 | 53 | 126 | 4.3 |
| Clubs, Halls Theatres | - | 2 | 2 | 25 | - | 25 | 2 | 29 | 1.0 |
| Educational Buildings | 50 | 62 | 112 | 18 | 9 | 27 | 47 | 186 | 6.3 |
| Religious Buildings | 6 | - | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | 31 | 38 | 1.3 |
| Health Buildings | 4 | - | 4 | 5 | - | 5 | 179 | 188 | 6.4 |
| Other New Buildings | 12 | 36 | 48 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 53 | 115 | 3.9 |
| Total Other Buildings | 261 | 221 | 482 | 226 | 15 | 241 | 495 | 1,218 | 41.5 |
| Total New Buildings | 433 | 834 | 1,267 | 375 | 160 | 535 | 1,135 | 2,937 | 100.0 |
| Percentage of Total | 14.7 | 28.4 | 43.1 | 12.8 | 5.4 | 18.2 | 38.7 | 100.0 | |

6. PERSONS (a) ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS
IN TASMANIA AS AT 18TH DECEMBER, 1957.

| Grade of Occupation | No. | Type of Occupation | No. | Work Engaged on | No. |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Contractors | 832 | Carpenters | 2,633 | New Buildings: | |
| Sub-Contractors. | 574 | Bricklayers | 375 | Houses | 2,926 |
| Wage Earners | 3,880 | Painters | 396 | Other New Buildings | 1,340 |
| | | Electricians | 194 | Additions & Alterations (b): | |
| | | Plumbers | 263 | Houses | 242 |
| | | Builders' | | Other Buildings | 404 |
| | | Labourers | 884 | Repairs & Maintenance (b): | 374 |
| | | Others | 541 | | |
| Total: | 5,286 | Total: | 5,286 | Total: | 5,286 |

(a) Includes estimate for persons working on owner-built jobs.

(b) Excludes principals and their employees engaged solely on alterations, additions and maintenance work.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED.

- Owner-Builder: For the purpose of this Bulletin, an owner-builder is a person who is actually building his own house or is having his house built under his own direction without the services of a Contractor who is responsible for the whole job.
- Commenced: A building is regarded as having been commenced when work on the foundation has begun. Owing to the difficulty of defining the exact point that this represents in building operations, it is probable that interpretations placed upon it by informants are not entirely uniform.
- Completed: A building is regarded as having been completed when the builder has fulfilled the terms of the contract. As with commencements, the interpretations placed upon this definition may vary.
- Under Construction: A building remaining uncompleted at the end of a period is regarded as being under construction regardless of whether construction was actively proceeding on that particular date.
- Employment: The figures of employment relate to persons actually working on new buildings on a specified day. They include working principals, employees, men working as, or for, sub-contractors and men temporarily laid off on account of weather. In addition, they include some employees engaged on alterations, additions, renovations or repairs to buildings when these jobs are undertaken by a contractor who builds new buildings. The figures include estimates for persons working on owner-built houses.
- Values: All values shown exclude the value of land and represent the estimated value of buildings on completion.
- Building Permits: Figures relating to Building Permits include details of:
 - Permits issued by Local Governmental Authorities for the construction of private buildings.
 - Contracts let and day labour projects commenced by Governmental Authorities.
 - Private buildings reported to have been commenced in those municipalities which do not issue building permits.
- Explanatory Notes: All figures in this bulletin relate to the operations of private contractors, Government Authorities and owner-builders.

Figures relate only to the operations of persons who build new buildings. Major new additions to existing buildings are included as new buildings. Minor additions, alterations, renovations and repairs to buildings are excluded, because of the difficulty in obtaining complete lists of persons who are engaged in those operations.

Figures for houses exclude converted military huts, flats, and shop dwellings. Some houses built on farms are excluded but these do not affect the figures materially.